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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
14 Plaintiff,
15 v.
16 KYLE SMITH,
17 Defendant.

18 Case No. 1:20-CR-00170-DAD-BAM

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20 **MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA
21 APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL
22 McKNEELY AS ATTORNEY OF
23 RECORD AND ORDER**

24 TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE DALE A DROZD AND TO THE UNITED STATES
25 ATTORNEY:

26 On March 13, 2023, Defendant Kyle Smith was arrested on a petition for violation
27 of probation. CJA Panel Attorney Michael McKneely was appointed as trial counsel to
28 represent Mr. Smith on March 13, 2023 in his criminal case. Mr. Smith was sentenced
on February 20, 2024. The deadline for filing a direct appeal was March 12, 2024. No
direct appeal was filed. Mr. Smith was in custody at sentencing. The trial phase of
Mr. Smith's criminal case has, therefore, concluded. Having completed his
representation of Mr. Smith, Mr. McKneely now moves to terminate his appointment
under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Mr. Smith require further legal assistance he has been advised to contact
the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300

1 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, California 93721, or by telephone at (559) 487-5561
2 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the re-
3 appointment of counsel to assist him.

4 Respectfully submitted,

5 DATED: March 3, 2025

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6 By: s/ Michael McKneely
7 Michael McKneely
8 Attorneys for Kyle Smith

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ORDER

Having reviewed the motion and finding that attorney McKneely has completed the services for which he was appointed, the Court hereby grants Mr. McKneely's request for leave to withdraw as defense counsel in this matter. Should Mr. Smith seek further legal assistance, he is advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, California 93721 or by telephone at (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for the re-appointment of counsel to assist him.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Mr. Smith at the following address, and to update the docket to reflect Mr. Smith's *pro se* status, and contact information.

Mr. Kyle Smith
10506 S. Chestnut
Fresno, CA 93725

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 3, 2025

Dale A. Troyd
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE